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SHORTAGE OF MINOR CONSUMERS' GOODS -- Trybuna Ludu, No 252, 13 Sep 49

Some minor consumers' items are still scarce. Shortages include soap powder, safety pins, shoe laces, combs, glasses, pails. Other articles, including children's wear, leather articles, and insecticides, are of very poor quality.

SOME CONSUMERS' GOODS AVAILABLE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 252, 13 Sep 49

General merchandise stores carry now a large supply of men's and women's winter coats, school uniforms, and work overalls. In the shoe department, felt shoes sell for 13,000 zlotys a pair.

Radios will be sold on the installment plan and include the five-tube "Aga," the four-tube "Orion," and the "Pionier." The popular three-tube "Odbiornik radio ludowy" (the People's Radio) will sell for 14,360 zlotys.

Bicycles reconstructed from used parts will sell for 17,000 zlotys. Hand-powered sewing machines are expected shortly and will sell for 30,000 zlotys. Imported fountain pens with gold points will sell for 3,900 and 5,800 zlotys.

TANNERS' COOPERATIVE MEET PLAN -- Gzeczpospolita, No 250, 11 Sep 49

The Wola Tanners' Cooperative in Warsaw fulfilled the Three-Year Plan 4 months prior to scheduled date. The output was 25,001 square meters of butt pigskin, 105 percent of plan.

STORES HURT BY RED TAPE -- Trybuna Ludu, No 254, 15 Sep 49

General merchandise stores throughout the country frequently are out of supplies most needed by the customers, due to insufficient initiative and flexibility on the part of management and red tape at the Central Purchasing Agency.

Factories are not adapting their production to the changing requirements of the market. Some consumers' goods are provided in excessive quantities, while others are in short supply.

MORE FOOD STORES FOR WARSAW IN 1950 -- Trybuna Ludu, No 254, 15 Sep 49

In 1950 in order to handle the distribution of food worth 29 billion zlotys, 850 stores will be needed in Warsaw. The Warsaw Consumers' Food Cooperative will have a total of 527 stores by the end of this year, while 278 new outlets are planned for 1950. New housing projects will be the first to obtain new shopping centers.

Sixty more popular priced restaurants for the general public are planned by the cooperative; 40 more, restricted to workers will be opened at industrial sites.

FURTHER GROWTH OF COOPERATIVE INDUSTRY PROMOTED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 254, 15 Sep 49

The Six-Year Plan will promote further growth of industrial workers' cooperatives for the gradual replacement of private industry in the fields of minor manufactures and quality goods which cannot be turned out by socialist mass production methods. Services heretofore almost nonexistent also provide a field for cooperative industry.

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In the cooperative sector, employment under the Six-Year Plan is expected to increase 146 percent while production increases 190 percent. Thus, labor productivity must increase 39.7 percent. This will require larger investment outlays. Nine billion zlotys will be provided in the Six-Year Plan, of which 4.8 billions come from cooperative income. The largest investment outlays will be for Warsaw, Lodz, and Poznan wojewodztwos.

Highest increase in employment will take place in the clothing, leather, and metallurgical industries. The greatest increase in production (fourfold) will be achieved by the chemical industry. A better supply of consumers' goods and services will be the ultimate result of this planning.

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